

3  
A N  
HISTORY

Of the Twofold

Invention of the Cross,

WHEREON

Our Saviour was crucified:

Translated out of

An antient *Aramean Biologist*:

Together with

An Account of the *Conversion*  
of the *Ethiopians*, out of  
*Abulpharagius's Ecclesiastical*  
*History.*

---

By *Dudley Loftus J. utriusq; Dr.*

---

*Dublin; Printed Anno 1686*

07-141

*Alla Sacra Real Matà di Maria  
Regina d' Inghilterra, Scotia,  
Francia ed Irlanda.*

Sacra Reale Maestà,

**N**On è conforme all' u-  
fanza de' favi d' in-  
dirizzar se stessi alla Matà  
delle Sovrane Regine, con  
gran preambulo di parole, ò  
favellare con esso loro à  
briglia sciolta; adunque,  
ciò solo io voglio dire, che  
con l'innata Benignità sua,  
ella sia per darmi speranza,  
che questa Historia spiegan-  
te la Bandiera di Christo no-  
stro Signore, non solo sia per  
esserle grata, ma altre sì ac-

[ ]

cettata da lei come un testimonio della mia fedelissima Servitù , sempre mai pronta in cose di maggior momento, ed anche di volerfi benignamente degnare di perdonarmi ; se io sia stato così ardito di dedicar un tal libretto a V. Matà ; sapendo io molto bene, che ancor che una gran Regina non possa sopportare cosa così disdicevole al suo decoro , come è la prolissità delle soverchie parole ; potrà pur condonare la brevità ,  
Dun obedientissimo ed obsequentissimo Servitore di

V. Maetà ,  
qual è il suo Vassallo  
Dudleio Loftusio.



---

## To the Reader.

READER,

**T***His History of the Cross is here translated out of an antient Oriental Manuscript, transmitted about five years since from Aleppo, by Dr. Robert Huntingdon, now Provost of the Colledge of Dublin, unto the Bishop of Fernes and Leighlin, then Provost of the same. It is contained in a Bialogie of Eastern Saints, written in a fair Estrangalar Character, wherein the Aramæans usually write matters of most precious concern. This Cha-*

[ ]

*Character hath been of antient rather than of common use, and after it was once discontinued for the space of an hundred years, was restored (as Gregorius the Maphrinus of the East saith) in the year 1299. by Mar Johannes Bishop of Carthaman, who learnt it by search and comparing of Manuscripts, and taught it unto his Nephews; one of whom, Emanuel by name, arrived at the highest perfection in the writing of that Character that ever any one attained unto, as the said Maphrinus in his Ecclesiastical History reports.*

*In the next place I am to tell thee,*

[ ]

thee, that though many pious Historians, and many other primitive Ecclesiastical Authors, who have written the Lives of Saints, and published Narratives of sacred things, were careful to represent undoubted Miracles to Posterity, as the highest motives of Belief; and others have made bold, even to temerity and presumption, in swelling up their History above a due size, with the recital of questionable, if not false and incredible Miracles, seeming by the best construction that can be made of their so doing, to endeavour, under the notion of a pious Counsellage, to obtrude the belief of  
them

them on the credulity of some ignorant Ages not long since past, which are now shamefully discredited by a more discerning Generation, and seem to be exploded by the present Bishop of Rome, who (as is given forth) rates questionable Miracles as false Money, put in to fill the Bag, though it adds little or nothing to the value of the Sum; but such is the likelihood of this Narrative, so well agreeing with the Consent and Approbation of other authentick Writers, and the Credit of the Author, so sober and grave in what he relates concerning this Subject, that I shall not need to argue for the

Belief

*Belief of what he delivers; only this observe, that this Author erects the Scheme of the Cross in a situation as far distant from temerary Superstition, as from disdainful Neglect; and though the Cross doth not bear in this History so high an Elevation, as it doth in the Romish Ritual, it can give no discontent to that Church, who can find nothing therein blameable; nor to the Church of England, with whom the Signature of the Cross is of so celebrated a use in the Sacrament of Baptism. It is possible, that they who think the use of the Cross in Baptism superstitious, may be*  
*apt*

[ ]

apt to exclaim against me, as  
Popishly inclined; but I, who  
have always followed the rule of  
the Italian Proverb [Fa bene  
e lascia dire] need not apologize  
for what I think well done.

---

A

(1)

---

A  
NARRATIVE

Concerning

The Wood of the Cross

OF OUR

REDEEMER,

Setting forth in what manner it was revealed, and shewed unto Men.

PATRONICA, the  
Wife of *Claudius Caesar*,  
whom *Tiberius* constituted  
the second of his Empire,  
B having

(2)

having been at *Rome*, when *Simon Cephas* resided there, and observing the Miracles and Wonders which he wrought in the Name of Jesus Christ, she renounced the Heathenism of her forefathers, as also the Idols which they had worshiped, and did believe in our Lord Christ, and arose confidently, and descended from *Rome* to *Hierusalem*, and her two Sons and one Virgin Daughter accompanied her; and *Hierusalem* went out to meet her, and they received her with great Honour: and *James* was made there a Bishop,



(3)

Bishop, and Commander  
in the Church which was  
built there. And when he  
heard for what cause the  
Empress came to *Hierusa-*  
*lem*, he repaired unto her,  
at the Court of *Herods* Pa-  
lace, where she lodged. And  
when she saw him, she en-  
tertained him gladly with  
great rejoycing, as she had  
received *Simon Cephas*, and he  
shewed unto her Miracles  
and wondrous works, as *Si-*  
*mon* had done: and she said  
unto him, Shew unto me  
*Golgotha*, where Christ was  
crucified, and the Wood of  
the Cross whereon Christ

(4)

was hung by the Jews, and the Sepulchre wherein he was laid. *James* said unto her, Those three things which thou wouldst see, are under the Custody of the Jews, and they keep them shut up from us, and they do not permit us to repair to the place where they are, to pray before the Sepulchre, or at *Golgotha*, neither will they give us the Wood whereon he was crucified. And moreover, they persecute us, to the end we may not teach the Name of Christ; and many times they imprison us.

And

(5)

And when the Empress heard this, she commanded, and they brought before her *Honia* the Son of *Hanan* the Priest, and *Gorbo* the Son of *Kiphas*, and *Judah Vari-bedshalam* the Chief of the Jews, and she said unto them, Deliver *Golgotha*, and the Sepulchre, and the Wood of the Cross unto *James*, and those who shall accompany him; and afterwards she went unto the Sepulchre of our Lord, and found therein three Crosses, the one of our Lord, and two of the Thieves: and at the time that she came un-

(6)

to the Sepulchre, her Sons being with her, her Virgin Daughter fell down, and died without Pain or Sicknes; and when she saw that her Daughter was dead, she immediately drew nigh, and worshiped, praying in the Sepulchre, and in her Prayer said, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for man, and was crucified in this place, and arose, and raised with him many from the dead; the crucifying Jews, and Gentiles will hear, that I have renounced their Images, and their Worship, and will triumph

(7)

triumph over me, scoffing at me, and will say, these things happened unto her, by reason that she renounced the Gods whom she worshiped, and professed Christ. Thou, O Lord, have a regard unto thy holy Name, that it be not blasphemed in this place. And when she had thus said, her eldest Son came unto her, and said, Hear what I have to say before thy Majesty, that I am so perswaded in my thoughts, that the sudden Death of my Sister was not void of Providence, but that God might be magnified by

a wonderful act. For behold, we entered into this Sepulchre, and found therein three Crosses, not knowing which of them was the Cross whereon our Saviour was crucified: and I am of opinion, that by the Death of my Sister we shall be able to know which of them is it. Then the Empress (though much afflicted at that time) understood that the Boy had spoken wisely, and rightly, and she took in her hand one of those Crosses, and placed it on the Corps of her Daughter, and said in Prayer, Christ, who

who shewed wonderful  
 Works in this place, if this  
 be thy Cross, shew thy Pow-  
 er, and revive my Daugh-  
 ter; and let thy Name be  
 glorified, and let thy Wor-  
 shipers rejoyce, and let thy  
 Foes be put to shame. And  
 when she had expected one  
 hour, she took the second  
 Cross and laid it on the  
 Corps, and prayed again.  
 And after she had expected  
 one hour, she took up the  
 third Cross, and as she  
 would have lifted up her  
 eyes to Heaven, and have  
 besought her Lord, and be-  
 fore she spake, as the Wood  
 touched

touched her Corps, she revived, and arose immediately. And the Empress, when she saw the Miracle that was done, she magnified the Lord with praises, and commanded that a great and stately Building should be raised over *Golgotha*, and over the Sepulchre, and that it should be a place for Divine Administration. And the Jews, who rejoyced at first, turned their Joy into Sorrow, and the Report thereof spread it self into remote places, and where-soever the Apostles had preached it.

And



And when the Empress returned unto *Rome*, she declared before *Claudius* the Emperor what things were done ; and he gave command that the Jews should be driven out of *Rome*, and from the Regions of *Italy*.

Furthermore also, in the days of *Trajan* the wicked Emperor, he commanded, that whosoever did assent unto the Doctrine of Christ should receive extreme Punishment ; and the Horn of the Jewish Nation was exalted , and they began to torment the Christians, as  
did

did their forefathers in the Prophet. And they gathered themselves together against *Simon*, who was made Bishop in *Hierusalem*; and they cast their hands upon him, and used him contumeliously; forasmuch as the people who professed Christ were not yet much multiplied: and the Jews, who tormented *Simon*, took away the Wood of the Cross of our Saviour (and this *Simon* was the Son of *Cleophas*,) and the Jews took counsel to hide it in the earth, that the Christians might not any more worship Christ;  
and

and this *Simon* was the second Bishop that sat in the Church of *Hierusalem*.

And when they took away the Cross of our Lord, he was necessitated to deliver it unto those Jews, and they digged in the earth about twenty cubits, and hid it, and it was hidden in the Earth from the time that *Patronica* the Empress gave it unto *James* the Bishop during the days of fifteen Bishops; the first of them was this *James*, the Brother of our Lord, *Simon*, *Iustus*, *Zaccheus*, *Tobno*, *Benjamin*, *John*, *Matthew*,  
*Philip*,

*Philip, Disincus, Justus, Levi, Ephraim*, and the last of the fifteen was *Judas*, in whose days the Cross ascended the second time from the earth.

Furthermore, it is declared, how *Helen* the Queen, and the Mother of *Constantine* the Faithful Emperour, found it in the seventh year of the Reign of *Constantine*, in the month of the second *January*, the Forces of the *Babarians* were mustered on the Bank of a certain River called *Danubie*, with design to pass over, and destroy the whole Dominion  
of

of the *Roman* Empire ; and the Forces of the *Barbarians* increasing, *Constantine* ingaged in battel, and discomfited them ; and on the day of the morning that they were to ingage in battel, at midnight, *Constantine* saw the Light of the Cross, as glorious as an Angel, brighter than the Sun holding the same, and it illuminated the whole earth, and there were in it Letters of Stars, whose Compaction signified unto him by this sign, *Thou shalt overcome*. And he awaked, and was much terrified, and reasoned in his

his mind, of which of the Gods is this Sign, and he declared the Vision which he saw unto the wise men of his Empire, and he commanded; that they should make an Ensign like thereunto, and it should be born before him to the Battel, and they did so, and there was a mighty Battel on that day, and the *Barbarians* turned their backs, and he gave them a great blow, and such as remained of them; he cast them into Chains, and straightway he assembled all the Prelates, and demanded of them, to which  
of

of the Gods doth this Ensign belong, and they answered, Lord Emperour, this Ensign doth not belong to the terrestrial Gods, whom we worship, but to the Host of God from Heaven; and the Christians were called at this time *Nazarites*, and they approached unto the Emperour, and said unto him, Lord Emperour, this Ensign appertains unto Jesus Christ the Son of the living God. And when he heard those words, he sent, and called for *Eusebius* Bishop of *Rome*, and was instructed

C

ftructed by him concerning  
 the coming of our Lord Je-  
 ſus into the world , and  
 concerning his Conception,  
 and Birth, and Original, his  
 Crucifixion, his Reſurrection,  
 and Aſcenſion into Heaven ;  
 and the Emperour believed  
 gladly with his whole heart,  
 and with his whole mind ;  
 and he aroſe, and was bap-  
 tized, he, and his Mother,  
 and all his Palace ; and then  
 he perſwaded his Mother,  
 and ſent her with *Eaſebi-  
 us* the Biſhop, and a great  
 Train of *Romans*, and he com-  
 manded his Mother - dili-  
 gently



gently to inquire for the Wood of the Cross, and that she should build a Church in *Golgotha*: And from the Resurrection of our Saviour, until the second finding of the Cross had passed three hundred & one years, and in the month of *August*, on the twenty and eighth day thereof, the Empress set forth on her Journey to *Hierusalem* to inquire after the Wood of the Cross, and that she might leave behind her a Report that should last for ever.

And she entered into *Hieru-*

*salem* in great pomp, and she gave commandment, that all the Jews who remained about *Hierusalem* should be assembled together, and *Hierusalem* was almost waste; and about thirty thousand men being assembled, she said unto them, I am taught from Books of the Prophets, that you are the Seed of the Righteous, and that God loved you more than all Nations, and that he was to send unto you his Son, the Splendor of his Glory, and the Splendor of his Effence. Ye understood him not,

not, but chose Darkneſs in-  
 ſtead of Light ; and there-  
 fore chooſe me from a-  
 mongſt you men, Scribes,  
 and expert in the Law, who  
 may be able to return me  
 an Answer concerning  
 whatſoever thing I ſhall de-  
 mand of them, and they  
 departed from before her  
 with great fear, and choſe  
 from amongſt them about  
 two thouſand wiſe men and  
 Scribes out of the City, and  
 Villages of *Judea* ; and at  
 their return they came un-  
 to the Empreſs, and ſaid  
 unto her, Theſe are the  
 C 3 learned

learned men which we have, and are expert in the Law, then she confidently said unto them, Are ye able to inform me of whatsoever thing I shall ask you, lest ye dye a bad Death deservedly by my hand? Return again, choose for me from amongst you such as are most expert in the Law, and they went and chose one thousand men.

And again, she said unto them, Observe those who are the wisest amongst you, and choose for me thirty men. Have ye not heard what *E-*  
*saïas*

*saiaſ said? A Child is born wi-  
to us, and a Son is given unto  
us, whose Mother Man hath not  
known.*

And again, *David said, I  
have placed the Lord before me  
for ever. And moreover E-  
saiaſ said concerning you, I  
exalted the Children of the  
House, and they rebelled against  
me; the Ox knoweth his Ma-  
ster, and so forth.*

And now behold, ye are  
preserved from my hand for  
two hours, observe, and in-  
form me of whatsoever I  
shall ask you, let the blind-  
ness of your forefathers suf-

fice ye the Children of *Isra-  
el*, who said of Jesus, He is  
not God, though the Law  
and the Prophets testifie of  
him, that he is God over all.  
And the Jews answered, and  
said, We have read the Law  
and the Prophets, that they  
might inform us concerning  
this very thing whereof we  
have been interrogated by  
thee, and we have answer-  
ed unto thee.

And again she perswaded  
them, saying, Go, and choose  
for me the wisest amongst  
you, who know Wisdom;  
and they went out from  
be-

before her with fear, and said amongst themselves, What a sad thing is this which the Empress hath cast among us! and one of them, whose name was *Judas*, answered and said unto his Brethren, I am of opinion, that this question, which the Empress demands of us concerning the **Wood of the Cross**, whereon Jesus was crucified by our Ancestors, is, that she may be revenged at our hands, and if none shall make it known, she will destroy the Doctrine which

which our forefathers have delivered unto us. For *Zaccheus*, who was Priest to *Simon* my Father, informed him of this thing, and my Father also when he was dying said, I know, my Son, that when the time shall come, that the Cross, whereon Jesus was hung, shall be inquired after, thou art to reveal, and to give information thereof, lest it destroy thee: For the Kingdom of the *Hebrews* will fail, and afterwards the Empire of those who shall worship him who was hung upon



upon the Cross shall prevail,  
and this shall govern the  
World.

And I said unto my  
Father, If therefore you  
knew that he was Christ,  
wherefore did our forefa-  
thers lay hands upon him,  
and crucifie him? And he  
answered me, I knew well,  
my Son, that I never a-  
greed in opinion with them,  
but at all times opposed  
them who did not believe  
in him. And I know, that  
when they crucified him,  
took him down, and laid  
him in the Sepulchre, he  
arose

arose the third day, and  
 shewed himself to his Disci-  
 ples, and that for this cause  
*Stephen*, the Brother of my  
 Father, believed in him,  
 and began to teach the Jews  
 in the Name of Jesus, and  
 for this reason they layed  
 snares to intrap him, and  
 they condemned him to be  
 stoned to death, and he  
 stretched forth his hands  
 unto Heaven, and said,  
 My Lord receive my Spirit,  
 and lay not this Sin to their  
 charge. And these words  
 my Father *Simon* command-  
 ed me to declare unto *Zac-*  
*cheus,*

*cheus* his Priest, and this *Zaccheus* was the *Nicodemus* who came to Jesus by night, and *Stephen* was his Companion. And behold, I submit all these things unto you, ; If the Empress shall interrogate us concerning the Cross, what will ye that I say unto her? They said unto him, These words which thou speakest, we have not heard from any but from thy self; and if the question shall be concerning the Cross, thou knowest better than all of us, and thou also art informed of the place. And

And when they had said thus, the Souldiers followed them, and said, Arise, come away, for the Empress inquires for you: and when they came, they stood before her, and she interrogated them concerning many things, and they said not unto her any thing that was true; wherefore she commanded that they shou'd be cast into a fiery Furnace, and they out of fear took hold of *Judas*, and presented him unto her, and they said, This man was the Son of a Prophet, and he is just,  
and

and more skilful in the Law than we are , and he will inform thee concerning whatsoever thou shalt desire ; for in this we shall all be Witnesses against him. Then she commanded, that all should be dismissed, and that *Judas* only should be apprehended : and the Empress said unto him, There are placed before thee Death and Life, and choose which of them thou wilt. *Judas* answered , What man is there, or what person is there, who having Bread set before him , will take a Stone,

Stone, and eat instead thereof? And the Empress said unto him, If therefore thou wouldst live in the Earth, or Heaven, tell me where they have hidden the Cross of Christ. *Judas* said, as ancient Memorials declare, this thing was done about two hundred years since, more or less, and we being Children of this time, from whence should we know it?

The Empress said unto him, Behold, thou hast confessed before me, that ye have Books of Memorials touching

touching these things.

*Judas* said unto her, I did not speak of my self before thy Majesty, and this History may be known out of Books, but we have no Histories.

And the Empress said, We have the Word of Truth in the Gospel which accurately declares where he was crucified; but do thou only shew me the place which is called *Golgotha*; and I will command, by my Power, the discovery of the the particular place; and I am confident, that I shall

D ob-

obtain the desire, by which I shall live.

*Judas* said, Neither do I know that place.

The Empress said unto him, I know, that unless thou wilt confess, and speak the truth unto me, I will take away thy Life by the torment of Hunger and Thirst. And she commanded, that they should cast him into a dry Pit, and keep him for the space of seven days, without giving him any Meat.

Then after seven days *Judas* cried out with a loud voice,



voice, and said, Raise me out of this pit, and I will shew you the place where the Cross of Christ is.

Then the Empress commanded, and they took him out, and he went to the very place, although he was not well assured that it was there.

And *Judas* raised his voice in the *Hebrew* tongue, and said, Lord, who made Heaven and Earth at his beck, if it be thy pleasure, that Jesus the Son of *Mary* should reign, perform for us this Miracle, as thou didst hear *Mo-*

*ses* thy Servant, & didst shew unto him the Bones of *Joseph*; so shew unto us this hidden Treasure, and cause to ascend from this place a perfume of rich Odour, that I also may believe in the Crois of thy Christ, and may declare that he is a King for ever.

And when *Judas* prayed, straightway there was thunder in that place, and much Incense of Aromaticks evaporated on every side, and great wonder took hold on *Judas*, and he clapped his hands together, and lifted  
up

up his voice, and said, Thou art truly Christ the Redeemer of the World, I beg of thee, O Christ, make me equal, and join me, and bring me to thy Servant *Stephen* my Brother.

And when *Judas* had said these words, he took up Iron, and he feared as *Abraham* did, and he began to digg, and then he caused those who were commanded by the Empress to draw nigh, and when they descended about twenty cubits, they found three Crof-  
ses hidden, and *Judas* took

them up, and brought them to the faithful Empress.

Then she said unto him , Which of them is the Cross of our Lord ? He said , I I do not know ; the she laid them in the middle of the City, and when she expected to see in them the Glory of God, and it being the ninth hour of that day, behold, there was a young man dead , whom they carried on a Bier, going to his Sepulchre , and when he saw this , he immediately rejoiced, and said unto them, Now, my Lady, thou shalt see

see the Power of the Cross,  
 and the Glory that is hid  
 therein. Then he made  
 them to let down the Bier,  
 and he took up every one of  
 the Crosses, and laid them  
 on the Bier, and when the  
 third Cross came to be pla-  
 ced on the Corps, the young  
 man arose immediately.  
 Then *Satan*, the enemy, cry-  
 ed with a loud voice, and  
 said, Who is this, which  
 doth not permit me to take  
 those Souls that are mine?  
 Who is me by reason of thee,  
**Jesus the Nazarene!** and  
 for that thou hast revealed

against me thy Cross which was hidden: Wo is me from thee, *Judas*! what is this that thou hast done against me? formerly thou madest the world to sin by the hand of *Judas*, and now by the hand of *Judas*, behold I am persecuted from hence. I know what I will do unto thee, thou great Persecutor: For behold, another Emperour shall arise, who will forsake the Cross, and will fulfil and perform my words, and I will deliver thee into his hands, and he shall bring down upon thee

( 41 )

thee dreadful Judgments,  
and thou out of bitter Tor-  
ment shalt renounce him  
that was crucified.

Then *Judas* was comfort-  
ed by the Holy Ghost, and  
said, He who raised the  
dead will preserve me from  
the infernal depth of flaming  
Fire.

And when the Empress  
heard these words, she ad-  
mired the Power of God,  
and the true Faith of *Judas*,  
and strictly gave order con-  
cerning the **Wood of the**  
**Cross**, and she caused to  
be

be made for it a Chest of Silver, and put it therein, and deposited it in that Church which was built in *Golgotha* : And she called for *Eusebius* Bishop of *Rome*, and he gave unto *Judas* the signature of Baptism, and called him by the baptismal name of *Kuriacus*, and laid upon him the Hand of a Bishop, and placed him in the City of *Hierusalem* ; and then *Hellen* the Empress commanded, that the *Jews*, who did not believe in Christ, should be persecuted, and at that time the  
*Jews*



*Jews* were driven from the land of *Hierusalem*.

Moreover, *Kuriacus* made great inquisition concerning the Nails of the Cross, and he prayed unto God, and there appeared unto him a glorious Sign, like Lightning, on the place of the Cross, and the Nails appeared in the Dust; and he approached with reverence, and took them up, and presented them to the faithful Empress, and she resolved in her mind, to make of them an Ornament

ment for the Emperours  
 Armour, and for the Bri-  
 dle of his Horſe; and ſhe  
 ſent for a ſkilful Artificer,  
 of a good report, and ſaid  
 unto him, Take theſe Nails,  
 and make a Signiture on  
 the Emperours Armour,  
 and on the Bridle of his  
 Horſe, that it may be a  
 Preſervative for the Em-  
 perour; for it behooved,  
 that this Writing of the  
 Prophet ſhould be fulfil-  
 led, that there ſhall be at  
 that time on the Horſes  
 Bridle **Holineſs to the Lord**  
**Almighty.**

Then

(45)

Then *Hellen* the faithful Empress reigned in *Hierusalem*, and commanded, that there should be a Commemoration of the Cross on the fourteenth of *September*.

The History concerning the Finding of the Holy Cross is finished, according as we are able.

Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost now, and for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Who-

*It is thought fit, as well for the  
satisfying of the Curious, as  
for the filling up of blank  
Paper, to give the following  
Account of the Conversion of  
the Ethiopians, as it is  
found in Abulpharagius his  
Ecclesiastical History, and  
translated by D. L. J. utri-  
usque Dr.*

**A**T this time a certain  
Orthodox Presbyter na-  
med *Julianus*, and a Minister  
of Pope *Dionysius Alexandrinus*,  
had so great a zeal of affe-  
ction

tion to the *Ethiopick* Nation of *Nubida*, that he endeavoured to convert them to the Faith; they being then *Gentiles*, and very troublesome to the *Roman* Provinces, which when he had signified unto *Theodora* the Faithful Empress, he affected her with very great joy, and she declared the matter to the Emperor, and besought him that he would be solicitous with her for the sending of *Julianus* thither; but the Emperor was more desirous to send the Bishop of *Chalcedon* on that Errand, and designed

ed Nuntioes, furnished with Gifts and Pomp, to the King of the *Nubidians*; which when the Empress perceived, she sent *Julianus* with speed, and wrote an Epistle to *Docius Thebidenfis* of this tenor ;

*I and the King have determined with our selves to send Nuntioes unto the Nubidian Nation; and behold, I, for my part, have sent Julianus, and the Emperor he is to send others with greater solemnity of Pomp; but have you a care that this my Nuntio may have first access, and make way for them.*

And

And *Docus* having read the Queens Letter, did as she commanded him, and stayed the Kings Embassadors until *Julianus* came, who presented the Letter of the Queen, and baptized the King & his Nobles, and informed them of the Schism which the *Chalcedonians* had made, and of the injuries where-with they had affected holy men; how also they had determined a new Creed different from the *Nicene*: And the Emperors Embassadors being arrived, with Letters and Presents, dehorted the

E

Nu-

*Nubidienses*, that they should not adhere to banished and condemned persons; unto whom the King and his Nobles made answer, We have received this Honour from the Emperor, and we shall return double Honour unto him: nor will we adhere to Persecutors, nor calumnious men; but forasmuch as we have already received holy Baptism by the Ministry of this excellent man, we will not admit any other: and so the whole Nation of the *Chushtes* was instructed in the Orthodox Faith, and sub-



subjected themselves to the  
See of *Alexandria*. And this  
*Julianus* remained for the  
space of two years, preach-  
ing from the third hour to  
the tenth, vested in a Lin-  
nen Surplice; he stood in  
subterranean Caves abound-  
ing with water, and baptiz-  
ed there; for that there were  
not to be found pure waters  
above them

F I N I S.